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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

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1. EMBOFF AUGUST 17 CALLED ON DEPUTY CHIEF, UN AND DISARMAMENT SECTION MFA, BARUKH GRINBERG, TO PRESENT DEMARCHE ALONG LINES REFTEL. GRINBERG SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED NORTH AMERICAN DESK MFA HAD JUST RECEIVED CABLE FROM UN ON QUESTION WHICH HE HAD NOT YET SEEN. AFTER LISTENING TO PRESENTATION, GRINBERG SAID THAT HE COULD STATE THAT GOB WOULD NOT TAKE MORE EXTREME POSITION THAT IN PREVIOUS YEAR, NOR WOULD IT "GET AHEAD OF OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" ON THE QUESTION.

2. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, GRINBERG SAID IT WAS NECESSARY AT THIS POINT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS FOR BOTH SIDES TO "PLAY

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IT COOL". ALTHOUGH HE WAS UNAWARE OF BACKGROUND, HE

SUSPECTED THAT GOB WAS ONLY SOCIALIST COUNTRY REPRESENTED ON WORKING GROUP AND THEREFORE WAS PLAYING "MORE ACTIVE ROLE THAN WE MAY DESIRE". HE PROMISED TO DISCUSS QUESTION WITH NORTH AMERICAN DESK AND SUGGESTED THAT REPLY WOULD BE BETTER DELIVERED IN NEW YORK. BATJER UNQTE ROGERS

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